

Senate Resolution No. 15

Introduced by Senator Lowenthal

Relative to Financial Aid Awareness Month

WHEREAS, It is clear that education is the key to better careers and a better quality of life for every Californian; and

WHEREAS, In this economy, higher education is increasingly important in preparing students for the careers of the future and particularly for retraining those who are currently unemployed or underemployed; and

WHEREAS, Financial aid, including fee waivers, grants, scholarships, and loans, is available year round at all 112 California Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Financial aid often plays a critical role in student success by helping pay for fees, books, supplies, and other college-related expenses that some Californians may not be aware of; and

WHEREAS, Federal financial aid stimulates California's economy with billions of dollars each year when students spend it on college-related expenses; and

WHEREAS, Even today, in a challenging economic time, there is financial aid available for community college students of all ages; and

WHEREAS, One-on-one help is available from financial aid experts at every California Community College campus to identify the types of aid appropriate for each student and to help students complete the applications; and

WHEREAS, April has been deemed California Community Colleges Financial Aid Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, The California's community colleges are dedicated to helping Californians get the information and resources they need to apply for financial aid; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges has created a Web site, www.icanaffordcollege.com, for students throughout the state to easily get started with the financial aid process, get information about

free financial aid workshops, and get connected to local financial aid experts for assistance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That Californians be reminded of this important designation of April as California Community Colleges Financial Aid Awareness Month and the high-quality affordable education available at California's community colleges; and be it further

Resolved, That community college students from everywhere in our state are encouraged to apply now and year round for financial aid; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Senate Resolution No. 15 read and adopted by the Senate May 5, 2011.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate